Niagara bids farewell to champs Peat, Nelson

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

Badminton players are athletes, too. Just ask Tom Peat and Mark Nelson.

Although little known to many, Tom and Mark have accomplished more than any other athlete in the history of Niagara College. They have virtually owned the Ontario College Athletic Association badminton title for the past four years, not losing a single game in the past three. And they have held the Canadian college title for the past three years, losing only one match in those three years. No athlete at Niagara College has ever won a Canadian college title, compared to the three that Tom and Mark share.

Partners

Tom and Mark, both 23, have been playing badminton as a team since they were 15. Tom, from St. Catharines, and Mark, from Niagara Falls, were put together as partners and started playing in the Ontario Badminton Association (OBA) circuit. As under-19 players, they were nationally ranked sixth. This year, they were ranked as A players and won their first A tournament. Mark said winning an A tournament should rank them nationally.

When they reached Niagara College four years ago, with a high school provincial title under their belt, they found the third piece of the puzzle that helped make them unstoppable. The missing piece — coach David Carpenter.

Dave, 32, is the first to admit, skilfully, there was not anything more he could teach them. "When it comes to the skills, they have taught me. They made me a better coach."

But what Dave did do is help bring about the mental attitude Tom and Mark needed to win. "When I coached other players, I was teaching them skills, but when I met these guys, they already had the skills. They gave me the opportunity to teach the philosophical aspect of the game — getting them pumped up and keeping them patient at the same time."

Helped

Tom and Mark both agree that Dave has helped them a great deal. "The first year we went to the Nationals and lost, it was because of a lack in concentration," Mark said. "Over the four years there has been an incredible change in our mental maturity. We credit Dave for that."

"The personalities of these guys can be described as night and day," Dave said. "They have to be treated differently because they have different backgrounds and different upbringings. Tom is sort of reserved and Mark is very outspoken." Dave said Tom, Mark and himself have grown together as really good friends. "They are easy to coach because I don't have to tell them what to do. I

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A gift from China

What could be nicer than to receive a gift — except to receive a gift from China. Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs for Niagara's Student Administrative Council, received this banner from two Chinese teachers, Lu Chenguang (left) and Du Liang (right), who are from Changsha University, with which Niagara College is twinner. They are studying computers and English so they may teach those subjects in China.

College cancels varsity basketball

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

Varsity basketball at Niagara College has been terminated — at least for next year. Both men's and women's basketball have been replaced by volleyball teams.

Athletic Director Peter Rylander said of the men's team, "It's not just because of the team's 3-17 record; it has been a culmination of the last five or six years. But this year was the straw that broke the camel's back." He said over the past five years commitment as a team has declined. "I feel bad for the few individual players who are committed."

What it ultimately came down to in the termination of the women's team was the resignation of coach Misette Critelli. Mr. Rylander said the athletic department was not allowed to replace her because two terms of the Law and Security's physical education course have been terminated.

But commitment was not the lone factor in the termination of the men's team. Mr. Rylander said "Our league is the most competitive league in Canada, and with our enrolment going down, and the enrolment of other colleges going up, it would be very difficult to compete."

ANOTHER PROBLEM

Another factor in the decision is a coaching problem. "It's difficult to have an off-campus coach. I never see him, and the only time the players see him is at practice," Mr. Rylander said. "The problems start when you have an outside coach."

The athletic department has been discussing the problem since Christmas. Mr. Rylander had been considering coaching the men's team next year himself following the dismissal of coaches Steve Holman and Bob Bedesky.

He is not happy about the decision to end basketball at the college. "I love basketball, and I don't blame the players. They have school and other commitments to think about." There was a general disappointment amongst the players.

There is a coaching problem with the women's team. The athletic department does not want to hire an outside coach, and Judy Halaiko of the athletic department, more than capable of coaching the basketball team, has already committed herself to coaching the women's volleyball team.

Miss Critelli's resignation is not the only reason there will not be a women's team at Niagara next year. The women had the same commitment problem as the men. "We can't count on five or six committed girls for a team next year," Mr. Rylander said.

He is not entirely sure volleyball will be successful at Niagara next year. "But volleyball is a team sport that demands less of a commitment, and, we'll have an on-campus coach." The coach of the men's team will be Ray Sarkis, who works in the receiving department.

Although the decision was a tough one for the entire athletic department, Mr. Rylander feels it was the right decision to make.

'87-'88 budget out April 30

The 1987-88 Niagara College budget will be made available to the public Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m., at an open session of the Board of Governors, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told Niagara News.

Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, presented the budget to the academic affairs committee of the board April 9. Miss Robarts has described the budget as being "very preliminary" with a final version not likely before October because so many variables affecting the budget are yet undecided.

After the April 30 open meeting, Mr. LaRose will be available, during May and June, to discuss the budget in detail with the staffs of the various schools and branches of the college, Miss Robarts said.

New vocational program for Sept.

A new two-year program, College Vocational program, will be offered at Niagara College starting in September.

The program is for students graduating from a vocational school with a Grade 12 diploma, but not qualified for most college programs, Dennis Malone, chairman of the social sciences and general studies division, said.

The course will include academic language and math skills — vocation oriented — and a preparatory program and job skills training, he said.

"Employment is the goal," Mr. Malone said. "In the first term their interests and goals will be determined and a tailored-made curriculum made for those students. They will be trained in one specific area gaining work experience."

The program resulted from requests from the community for a program to help these unemployed Grade 12 graduates find a job, Mr. Malone said.

It was put together by high school counsellors, and principals talking with college counsellors.

John Parrett, registrar, will inform the 20 high schools in theNiagara peninsula of the new course and print media will be distributed later.

Students must be referred by their high school counsellors, and attend a personal interview by the college to assess their strengths and weaknesses.

The college is expecting about 25 to 26 students; no co-ordinator or teaching staff here have yet been chosen, he said.

"I volunteered to help put the program together; it was a challenge," Mr. Malone said.

Niagara College representatives Tom Honey, George Repar and Dr. Gordon Chen were warmly received at Changsha University on a recent trip by a delegation of university officials and this large banner strung across between two buildings. The college personnel said they enjoyed their stay in China.

Three college reps return from China

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Three representatives of Niagara College have returned from China where they were assisting Changsha University in planning and developing programs to be shared among all the community colleges in China. Another objective of the trip was to keep the channels of communication open between the two colleges and open new lines for Canadian/Chinese communications.

Assistance

Dr. Gordon Chen, electronics instructor; Thomas Honey, coordinator of the computer programmer program; and George Repar, planning and development department, were all pleased to be chosen to assist Changsha University.

There are 2,000 community college programs offered in Canada as opposed to 50 offered in China.

"We have established a good beginning," Mr. Repar said. "We established a good, solid, open line of communications with higher officials."

Hosts

However, working in a foreign country is not without its humorous side, as they found.

Mr. Repar praised the Chinese as "excellent hosts;" the visitors lacked for nothing.

Dr. Chen said the Chinese people treated them like dignitaries or ambassadors of another country.

"In a sense we were, so we had to do our diplomatic duties. We were pleased to do it," Dr. Chen said. "It's embarrassing to admit, but I did get sick on Chinese food," he said. Dr. Chen is originally from the province of Hunan.

Cockroaches

Mr. Repar said the international hotel where they stayed had some good-sized cockroaches "which we almost came to know by name."

There are few private motor vehicles — nearly all use bicycles. Most of the bicyclists have a complete disregard for the rules of the road. Anyone driving a motor vehicle must constantly lean on his horn to warn of his approach, Mr. Repar said.

The drivers do not use their headlights at night. Dr. Chen said he believes that they think they are conserving gas by not using their headlights. Every so often they flick lights on to see what is ahead.

"It's a little nerve-racking to be riding with someone at night," Mr. Honey said.

Many banquets were held in honor of the guests from Niagara College — about two a week, sometimes four. The menu always contained turtle soup, sea cucumbers (sea slugs considered a delicacy), and eel.

When the men were returning to Canada via Hong Kong, they went their separate ways to do a number of things. Later, they met, by accident, at a McDonald's Restaurant all wanting anything close to Canadian food.

Return trip

The three left for China on March 2 and returned on March 31. Although they worked hard and all suffered from illness at one time or another during the trip, they all expressed interest in returning to China some time in the future.

Applications decrease for third consecutive year

Applications for Niagara College by April 1 were down 5.9 per cent from last year at the same time and technology programs are dropping for the third year in a row.

Applications were 6,158 compared to 6,551 in 1986.

"We are very concerned for the whole area of technology in general," John Parrett, registrar, said.

Three years ago the school received 768 applications for the School of Applied Science and Technology and this year there are only 493.

The chemical engineering technology program has dropped from 39 to 17; chemical engineering technician from 45 to 16; computer electrical electronic engineer technology from 170 to 110; electronics engineer technician down from 88 to 38, and the horticultural technician from 93 to 63.

A lack of demand in the job industry is not the problem; in fact, job opportunities in the technology programs are very good.

"The high school population is definitely declining and it seems to be affecting technology more than anything else," Mr. Parrett said. "This trend is being experienced everywhere in the province; not just here at this college. It's a general decline in those types of programs.

The School of Business applications have declined, but there is no particular problem there except the Computer Programmer program which has declined from 110 to a low 53 over the last three years.

"About three years ago there was great talk about high tech, and that was the area where all the action was at that time," Mr. Parrett said. "Applications went up substantially for a while and we had all kinds of people going into technology programs and electronics."

Many of these students probably should not have been in those programs. They did not understand what it was all about, but they did not have the knowledge to base their decisions on.

People going into these programs today are more knowledgeable because they have taken high tech programs in high school.

"Although applications are down for technology programs, we are hoping the quality will be up," Mr. Parrett said.

Niagara expects a total of about 8,000 applications before accepting the normal 2,000 students. Some students apply for second and third choices which is included in these figures.

"These are rather early statistics to make any final decisions upon, because we haven't sent out the acceptance letters yet," Mr. Parrett said.

Acceptance letters are going out on April 15 and students have 14 days to confirm their acceptance with a $50 confirmation fee.

"Until we have a $50 confirmation fee in our hands, I would not want to make any serious decisions concerning dropping a section of a class," he said.

Blood drive contest needs committee help

Each year the Corpsuckle Cup is awarded to the class which donates the most blood at the annual blood donor clinic. Eleven years ago, Eugene Maltais, political science teacher, made the original, inartistic, misnamed cup.

Mr. Maltais organizes the Corpsuckle Cup alone. He hopes to reorganize the management of the cup so that in the future a committee will be in charge of the competition.

"This plannned reorganization will give students, faculty and administrators more say in how the competition is handled," he said.

Mr. Maltais feels this would encourage more participation in future clinics throughout the college.

The original cup was stolen; in its place is a large plaque on which the names of the winning classes are inscribed each year. The plaque is on display in the library and a small plaque is given to the program coordinator of the winning class.

For the fifth year in a row the award went to the ambulance and emergency care program.

Film students exhibit movie fest

A film fest was presented to about 20 students in the Hamilton Room on Tuesday April 21 at noon. A chocolate Easter bunny was raffled off after the films to make up for the Springfest which had to be cancelled because of the weather. Debbie Honsberger, a film student won the bunny.

The six 15-minute films shown — three dramas and three documentaries — were made by film students in the broadcasting program. The dramas were The Piper, Through the Turnstile and The Night the Aliens Landed. The three documentaries were Ghost of Scugog Island; Wes Hill, Old Man River; and Long Point — A Diamond in the Rough.

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New theatre program features stage acting

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

A one-year performance program will be offered at the Niagara College Theatre Centre in September. The program will prepare aspiring performers for work on the stage, and at the same time, act as an introduction to theatre, program coordinator Valerie Grabove said.

The centre will continue its two and three-year technical programs, and Ms. Grabove feels the programs will complement each other.

The "pre-audition option" will help to prepare students wishing to pursue an acting career, and at the same time expose them to all the technical aspects of theatre production.

David Davies, chairman of creative arts and human services, feels the program will prepare students wishing to enter theatre schools for the intensive physical training. "It's a year of preparation, of getting yourself ready to audition."

Both Mr. Davies and Ms. Grabove see the program as a necessary expansion for the centre. "The purpose is to meet what we see as a need for prospective acting students," Ms. Grabove said. It may also serve to entice performance students into the possibilities of working behind the scenes. "Once they've completed the program, they may be streamlined into the regular programs based on the credits they've accumulated."

Program information will be sent to high schools across Canada, and to acting schools so that potential students in need of more experience before entering their programs may be directed to the college.

"We feel quite confident that this program will supplement other acting programs," Ms. Grabove said. "Our aim is not to compete, but to better prepare students who are entering those programs."

In future productions, much of the acting load will be carried by the performance students, Ms. Grabove said. However, the technical students will also be encouraged to take part in acting. "The technicians who take part in the acting productions will make better technicians. Some of the technician students also make the best performers."

Ms. Grabove maintains that the centre's technical programs will remain the major thrust of the centre, but hopes the "pre-audition option" will be a step toward greater development. The centre has received Canada-wide recognition for preparing students for work in theatre.

Two Chinese teachers, Lu Chenguang (left) and Du Liang (second from right) pose with English instructor Alice Crocco and Hugo Bessems, international student adviser, in the Niagara News photo studio. The pair toured the Niagara News facilities later in the week and saw the paste-up of this edition. Both teachers will study computers and English and will return to China after their exchange to teach those subjects there. Niagara College is twinner with Changsha University where the two men will teach.

Mandatory 3rd year for ID program

The interior design decorating program will be changed to a mandatory three-year program starting in September, Paul Firlotte, interior design coordinator, said.

A survey was taken and showed that more than half of the students coming into the program in September would prefer three years to two years. The interior design program's advisory committee has been emphasizing the need for the change for years.

Though the program started at the college as a two-year program, an optional third year has been offered several years when there were enough students.

The third year offers students extra courses such as product design, enviromental system, architectural studies and research skills.

Students who graduate with two years in interior design usually end up with jobs in furniture or drapery stores, Mr. Firlotte said.

Students graduating with a third year get better jobs because they obtain a portfolio and experience working with skills needed in the interior design field.

College tows illicit cars

Two cars have been towed away because of illegal parking and towing will continue if parking continues to be a hindrance, Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said.

The cars were towed because they were blocking access to the recieving department at the rear of the Voyageur building. "The towing will continue throughout this week up until the last day of school," Mr. Spittle said.

"We prefer not to tow the cars, but if it (illegal parking) continues, we will," Mr. Spittle said.

Cars were towed from the Welland campus for the first time this winter when illegally parked cars blocked Welland transit access to the campus.

Teachers from China train at Niagara

An exchange program between Niagara College and Changsha University in Hunan, China, began April 1 when Du Liang, 31, and Lu Chenguang, 32, teachers at the Changsha University in Hunan arrived to begin a one-year program at Niagara.

The program was planned by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges and the Hunan Educational Bureau to develop new training techniques to be used at Changsha University.

Training for Mr. Du and Mr. Lu will be mostly in computer programs and English.

The two agreed that they are finding the transition strange. Canada "is very strange and different from China," they said. Contrasting open spaces here with crowding in China, they said, "The grassland is beautiful."

They noted that there are "very many cars" in Welland and few people walking.

They find conditions for students at the college very good and with good equipment. Classes in China average 40 or 50 students and they marvel that there are only six students in their computer class at Niagara.

Niagara College is twinned with Changsha University.

Council to discuss retirement issue

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

The President's Executive Council is looking into the issue of early retirement for employees who are 64, while mandatory retirement will be discussed at a board committee meeting next month, Jacqueline Robarts, college president said.

"The difficulty in instituting an early retirement policy is having the money up front," Miss Robarts said. She said Niagara is the "only college without a mandatory retirement policy."

PEC has been looking at the issue of early retirement at age 64 without major loss of pension rights and benefits, and hopes to have a recommendation policy to take to the board for its approval, Miss Robarts said.

She said the secondary school system which has a teacher surplus can offer earlier retirement because it does not have to replace the retiring teachers; this means the system has more working money.

NOT AVAILABLE

"Here at the college, the only working money available is the difference between the salary of the retiree and the new employee," she said. She said if the college could build up its reserve funds, some of that could be used as seed money to implement the policy of early retirement.

Since September, the college's reserve funds have been used up and the college has been operating with a deficit.

Referring to retirement, Miss Robarts said, "We are a long way from a resolution, but at least we're discussing the issue. It's an issue that isn't likely to go away. Today there is greater mobility and interest for people to do something else with their life, but have some security (a good pension package) if they retire early to take on a second career."

GAVE NOTICE

At the April 9 Board of Governors meeting, notice was given that one board member wished to discuss mandatory retirement for Niagara College, Miss Robarts said.

She said Niagara is the only college which does not have a mandatory retirement policy. In 1978-79 efforts were made to get one, but a Senate report on retirement and a move in the United States against mandatory retirement made the board decide against it, she said.

"Today with fewer parent job opportunities and with the threat of layoffs amongst our staff, some board members think it isn't fair that 41-year-olds with families could be laid off while 70-year-olds still hold down college positions," Miss Robarts said.

She said the real issue of mandatory retirement is not whether older members are incompetent at their work, but rather, what happens to younger members who are laid off because older staff are still in the work force after age 65.

Mandatory retirement will be discussed May 14 at the administrative affairs committee of the board and the committee report will probably be presented to the full board May 28.

Year End Bash

Tickets for the Year End Bash at the Aqua Duck April 29 are on sale at the SAC office. Advance tickets are $6 and $8 at the door. The Bash will begin at noon and continue until 1 a.m. Chalk Circle, Jeffery and the Juniors and Marty Putz, a comedian from Toronto, will provide the entertainment along with a Lip Sync contest and a Beer Chug.

Smoking questions

The Niagara College smoking policy committee has designed a questionnaire to ask students, support staff, faculty and administration their views about smoking at the college.

The questionnaire will ask people if they smoke, if second-hand smoke bothers them and what they feel should be done about smoking in Niagara College.

The committee concerns itself with the rights of smokers and non-smokers, second-hand smoke and the possibility of smoke-free areas.

Committee members are Hans van der Slagt, chairman; Dorothy Doyle, R.M. Kuhnigk, Gord McPherson, Candy Paris, Helen Slade, Ralph Rittner, Kathleen Harvey and Carri Emerick.

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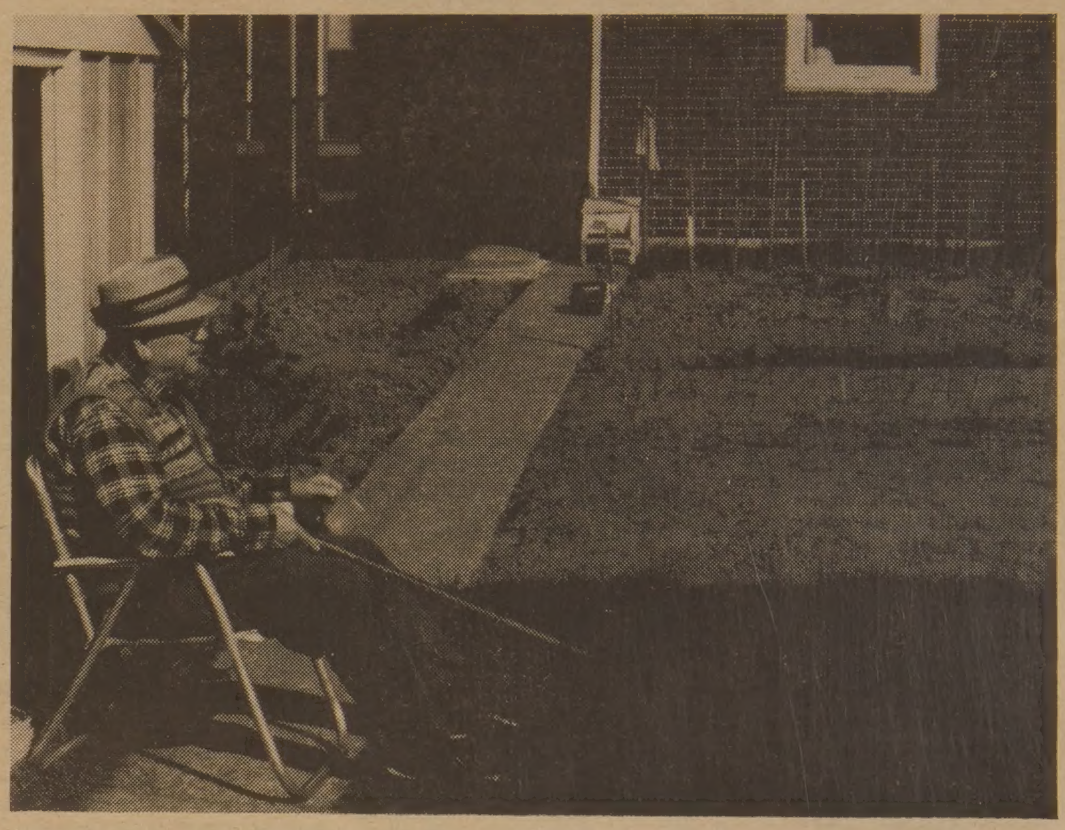
Editorial

Soon the down-trodden, over-worked students will be bidding Niagara College farewell for another summer. They will be pounding the pavement in search of summer jobs, or the graduating students will be looking for permanent placement in their chosen fields. When September comes again, those returning will be glad to do so. The spirit will be eager to face the challenge again, until Christmas.

Then time will start to crawl by, and the holidays won't arrive soon enough. After a short Christmas break, the students will be back to face another term. Eventually, another April will arrive, and once again school will be out for the summer. Time does fly. See how fast the next year went by. Of course, it does not seem this fast when you are living it.

Good luck to all graduating students. To the returning second and third-year students, chin up; it is much worse in the real world. Think of it this way; we will be able to have a good chuckle watching the confusion of the incoming first-year students.

Cindy Logan



Ah, Spring. The warm, warm days of last week brought out the gardeners who were anxious to get going with their favorite crops. This older man turned over his vegetable patch and raked out the lumps then sat down to contemplate his work. But wary of the weather, he held off his planting until he could be sure the warm weather is here to stay. Good thing. Cooler weather returned later in the week and will last for more of this week, making planting impractical.

15 students benefit from housing project

A new course offered by the Lincoln County Board of Education gives practical construction experience to 15 students building a house in St. Catharines.

"The house will be practically completely student-built," Ed Unrau, teaching supervisor of Concept 87, a Co-operative Educational Construction Trades Project sponsored by the Lincoln County Board of Education and the Niagara Peninsula Home Builders Association, said. "The purpose of the project is to train students in the construction industry and make them more employable."

Formal opening of the project will be April 30.

The students were taught blueprinting, plumbing, masonry, carpentry, roofing, electricity and heating. The classroom work began in April when they began constructing a scale model of the home.

"They will apply their classroom work to the house," Mr. Unrau said. "They will gain practical hands-on experience which will be a good abase for college entrance."

Upon successful completion of the course students will receive 10 credits and a certificate endorsed by the building association.

The single dwelling house will be built on Laird Avenue in St. Catharines on one of seven lots donated to the project by the Ministry of Education and Kernahan Park School.

The house is expected to be finished in December and will be sold to the public. Proceeds from the sale will help to fund the project in the future.

To gain entrance to the course, students must have a minumum of Grade 10 and write and entrance test

The average age of the students is 26 and some have university educations, Mr. Unrau said.

"It's a great project," Bill Phelan, a student in the course said. "Some students learn more in practice than they can from the blackboard."

The seven building lots are near Kernahan Park School. One lot will be used each year, after they are used we will acquire land somewhere else in the city, Mr. Unrau said.

Mr. Unrau supervised a similar project in 1968 before leaving the city to teach at the University of Toronto.

Thanks, Suzanne

Dear Editor,

My very sincere thanks to you and Suzanne Hernandez for the excellent article on the general college program. It was very well written and gave an accurate account of developments in the program and its objectives.

May I take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed reading the Niagara News throughout the year — it's always a job very well done.

My very best wishes to the journalism students, especially the graduating class, who now will embark on another phase of their lives.

A. Fic
Co-ordinator,
General College Program.

Letters

Commends SAC's work

Dear Editor

I would like to commend the Student Administrative Council for the extraordinary work they did organizing school activities.

Most events were successful in raising student awareness and spirit. Events like orientation week, Shinerama, the blood donor clinics, Alcohol Awareness Week, and their enthusiasm on the newly acquired student representation on the Board of Governors were efforts that should not go unnoticed.

Carri Emerick, vice president of internal affairs, was responsible for motivating student input on school and community issues and activities. Her effort is unsurpassed.

Kathleen Harvey, president, and Carri were unselfish with both their time and energy as were the rest of the council.

As a journalism student covering SAC for 1986-87, I worked closely with council and was always informed of ideas, activities and concerns.

Their work was above board and solely for the benefit of the students. They met students' concerns and tried to make sure they were treated fairly.

It takes teamwork, time and enthusiasm to keep students informed and involved throughout the school year. They did a good job.

I would especially like to thank Donna Flutur, SAC's secretary and backbone, for keeping harmony and order in SAC.

Their dedication is truly admirable and should set a good example for the new SAC. It's going to be a tough act to follow.

Lori Flaxy
Second-year journalism student

Seniors are never forgotten

Dear Editor

A thoughtful gesture for anyone in the college community who has a friend or relative 60 years of age or over, would be to put that person's name on a mailing list to receive the Elderhostel catalogue. This catalogue, in newspaper format, describes week-long programs for elders in hundreds of educational facilities around the world. It is free and is published twice a year. The address is:

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Sincerely,
Gene Maltais

Heartful goodbyes

Dear Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to say heartfelt "thank-you and good-bye" to all the people who I've been fortunate enough to meet and work with at the college.

What I've learned as a SAC member and student representative on the Board of Governors goes far beyond the average classroom educational experience.

On the last day, after the office is closed, the books are packed, and I head back into the "real world," I'll be leaving with a lot of good memories and lasting friendships. So thanks to all, and the best of everything in the future.

Carri Emerick
Vice-president internal affairs
SAC

Robouchard wins raffle

The winner of the French Frenchship Club raffle was Maurice Robouchaud, 166 Geneva St., St. Catharines. The ticket, number 0030, was drawn in front of the library on April 16.

The club president, David Tronitti, delivered the basket of assorted Easter goodies to Mr. Robouchaud.

Proceeds are to go towards a trip to Quebec City next year for club members.

Focus

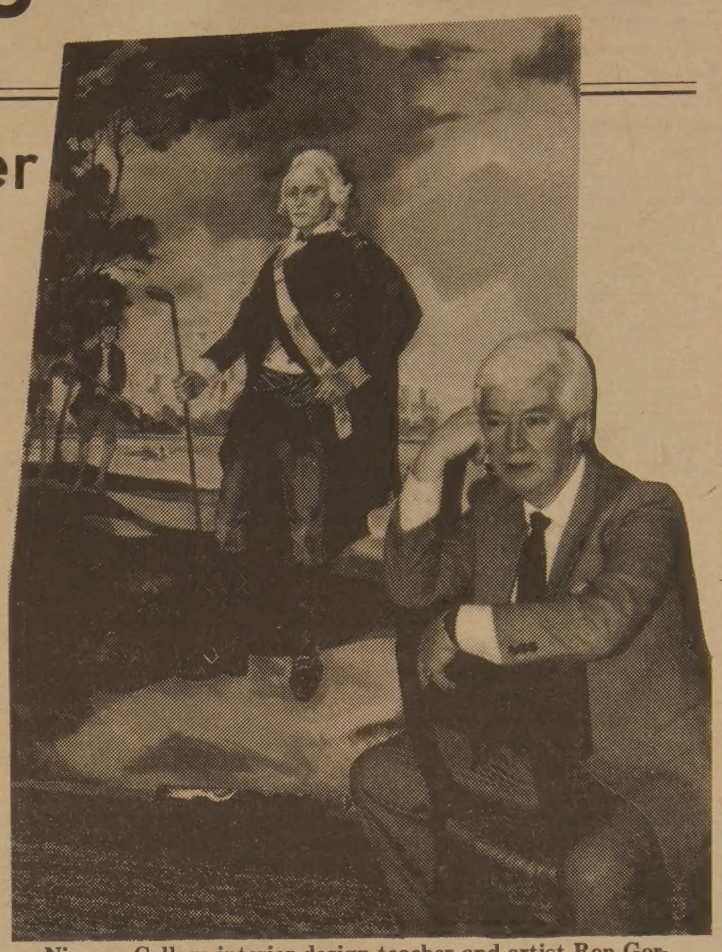
Early golfer swings again

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

A distinguished, tartan-clad golfer will grace the stylish Tudor entrance of Loch March, a new Ottawa golf club — thanks to Ronald Gordon, Niagara College interior design teacher and talented artist.

The acrylic painting, which took several weeks to complete, was done on a six-foot-four-inch by four-foot-six-inch canvas. The inspiration for Mr. Gordon's painting was a Scotsman who lived in the 18th century.

"The particular man I zoomed in on was Dr. John Inglis. He was in charge of a medical school in Edinburgh, Scotland, and the president of the Gentleman League of Golfers," Mr. Gordon said. With a twinkling smile, he said that doctors must always have played golf on Wednesday afternoons.



Niagara College interior design teacher and artist Ron Gordon spends a quiet moment beside the painting he was commissioned to do for the April opening of Loch March — a new Ottawa golf club. The painting of the tartan-clad golfer will hang in the entrance to enhance the club's Tudor atmosphere.

Golf on sand

The painting depicts a gentleman golfer playing along a waterfront. Sand made a better surface to play on, Mr. Gordon said. He said golf clubs were made from either fruitwood or hickory, and were long like hockey sticks.

Mr. Gordon has painted his distinguished, grey-haired, golfer wearing the MacDonald tartan — the tartan of the family who owns the Loch March golf club. The painting was transported by rail to Ottawa April 21.

Mr. Gordon was asked by Gordon Burrows, a 30-year friend from Montreal and the golf club's interior designer to submit a rough — a miniature painting — for consideration. Mr. Gordon did, the rough was approved, and he was commissioned to do the full-size painting.

Exhibits

Mr. Gordon has been painting for 40 years and has shown his work in exhibits in Montreal and Toronto. Two years ago, his paintings were displayed at Niagara College. He says that watercolor is the medium he likes best.

NITAC begins new program in Niagara

The Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee has purchased seven programs from Niagara College, affecting more than 200 people and costing NITAC $815,000, Doug Campbell, special projects officer at Niagara College, said.

Programs offered, starting from mid-May to October, are steel layout, fabrication and welding; home support worker; computer skills for office personnel; programmable logic controller (Parts 1 & 11); ceramic tile installer; air conditioning and refrigeration; and greenhouse worker.

NITAC's annual budget for this year is $815,000 for its training programs and $100,000 for administrative office operations. NITAC receives $915,000 from the federal government and $24,000 from the provincial government for this year.

NITAC is an autonomous agency which is buying programs from Niagara College, but could buy from anyone, Mr. Campbell said. Students must apply to NITAC for these courses and NITAC sets the entrance requirements. The college operates the purchased programs according to NITAC's direction.

TUITION FREE

If students meet the qualifications set by NITAC, they are not required to pay tuition fees. To qualify, a student must be unemployed, able to benefit from the training and preferably enrolling in a program that does not have enough skilled workers to fill the demand of the trade.

NITAC is concerned with the skills trades that require eight weeks or more training development. Their purpose is to provide people with a skill where they can get a job quickly.

NITAC addresses 2.1 per cent of the unemployment problem in the Niagara Region. "It is a community agency that bears some solution on the major policy of unemployment," Mr. Campbell said.

The first two registration dates are April 29 at the Welland Campus at 7 p.m. in room H-19 and May 6 at the St. Catharines Campus at 7 p.m. in Room 223.

Interested students will receive counselling and interviews, registration and gain information about the programs. "There has already been quite a bit of interest from an ad placed on Saturday," Mr. Campbell said.

Because of the 10 to 12 per cent unemployment rate in the Niagara Region, Mr. Campbell is confident that the programs will work.

Futures program new unit of continuing education

By DIANNE HART
Staff Writer

The Futures program, a composite of activities for unemployed youth, has reached "maturation level" and is being transferred as a new unit to continuing education services.

Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, has great confidence continuing education will maintain excellence with Futures as it has with its other units.

"One of the happiest events in my career at the college has been my association with our youth programs and Futures is part of our youth employment services activities," Dr. McCardell said.

"I'm proud of all units. They have all done a fabulous job this past year and have helped to keep the college afloat through hard work, keeping their eye on the future, and soaring with eagles. There aren't many eagles around but I have some of them and I'm very pleased."

Gail Hilyer, continuing education services director, said Futures has an exciting mandate and she is looking forward to working with it. She is pleased with the decision to align the ministry of skills development programs and has had previous

DR. NORA McCARDELL

experience working with the ministry. She commended Gillian Boyce, Futures' general manager, on a well-managed program.

Welcomes

"I welcome the assignment and feel it will be an interesting challenge," Ms. Hilyer said.

Futures is an employment-based activity for young people from 16 to 24 with the objective of helping unemployed and disadvantaged young people to become employed.

"We have four centres in the region: St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, and Welland," Dr. McCardell said. "We look after anybody in the region who falls into the criteria 16 to 24, has residence in the Niagara region and is eligible for entry into this activity."

All this kind of activity is a new thrust through the new Liberal government which puts a lot of emphasis on employability and making Ontario productive and competitive.

One way they are doing this is through the ministry of skills development. A great portion of this action is in the Futures program. Another area is the Ontario Skills Development office or OSD.

They are both employment-based. This is why Futures will go to continuing education because on an employment base they are both under the same ministry as one flows into the other.

One of the strengths of continuing education is excellent management and it has strength in its procedures, Dr. McCardell said.

"Our continuing education activity is successful because we have a fantastic team of employees. Everyone is worth their weight in gold to this college. They are enthusiastic, intelligent and they really care about this college and community."

Security students oppose changes

By DON WILSACK
Staff Writer

Changes in the law and security administration program will be introduced next year despite opposition from some of its students.

The students complained that physical education is being dropped from terms two and three of the two-year program, and that they were left out of the decision-making process before the changes were implemented.

Program co-ordinator Bruce Milligan said that the omission of physical education is a minor aspect of the changes and the changes will immensely improve the program.

"The purpose of the changes is to allow more options in the specialist courses now being offered," Mr. Milligan said.

Although the students recognize the value of the new courses, which are related to the criminal justice system, they would like to see physical education offered at least as an option.

The students, especially the police option students, feel that less physical education will diminish their chances when applying for police work.

Mr. Milligan said LASA students have as much chance as anybody else to qualify for police work and at least 80 to 85 per cent of police applicants are not from a law and security program.

"The police look for self-motivated individuals," he said. "There is physical education in term one to get them started and in term four to round them out."

The student curriculum committee was opposed to changes but the idea behind them was explained to all students enrolled in the program, Mr. Milligan said.

"The changes will be to their benefit in the long run and physical education is not a requisite to join a police department," he said.

Mr. Milligan said he hopes the program will not be less appealing and that individuals will take advantage of the new courses being offered.

Need lockers for summer

Students are asked to vacate their lockers before May 13, so the lockers may be emptied of any garbage and cleaned, Edward Krikorian, building operations supervisor, said. Otherwise, they will have their locks cut from the locker.

"Our problem is we need these lockers for the summer students," Mr. Krikorian said. "If we let students who say they are returning next year stay in their lockers, we wouldn't be able to accommodate the summer students or the new students coming to the college."

"We really haven't got enough lockers for every student."

The task of cleaning the lockers has been done annually for the past 18 years. "We do this so the new student may come to the college and have a fresh locker to use."

Mr. Krikorian said he can't be sure that students who want to keep their lockers over the summer are going to be returning. "If they don't, it creates a problem of issuing lockers for the new school year. I don't want to cut students' locks, but if they don't empty them, it's our only alternative."

Working with nuts is fun

By TERRY COHOE
Staff Writer

Doug Campbell's friends have an easy time finding his Niagara Parkway home; they just look for the nut trees growing in his yard.

As a young boy living in the Essex-Kent area, Mr. Campbell found he became used to collecting nuts in the fall and used to the wild nut trees growing in his neighborhood. When he moved to his Niagara home he discovered that nut trees did not grow as abundantly here as in his home town, so he planted his own trees.

"My original ambition was to have a supply of nuts of my won choosing, but over the years I became somewhat caught up in my hobby," Mr. Campbell said.

His hobby filled his front and back yards with about 400 large trees, from 10 to 30 feet high, and about 2,000 small trees, up to three feet high. His largest is 35 feet high.

Nuts

A great variety of nuts can be grown in the Niagara Region. With the mild climate and the hardiness of the nut trees, the trees are not really challenging to grow, he said.

Mr. Campbell produces 20 to 30 bushels (about 1,000 pounds) per year of pecans, English walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, chestnuts and the lesser known hickory nuts, black walnuts and heartnuts.

Though he sells some of his crop, he keeps quite a lot for himself. He is governed by what he enjoys eating rather than the nutritional value, but he believes "you might as well get addicted to something good for you."

The nut or seed is planted and it takes from four to 10 years from planting time to produce nuts. Hazelnuts and chestnuts produce after only four years, while pecans produce after eight to 10 years. These trees may produce nuts for 200 years as compared to peach trees which produce fruit for about 10 years.

Harvest

The trees are ready to be harvested from the end of September to mid-October. This can be done naturally which allows the nuts to fall to the ground on their own or by using a tree shaker. Mr. Campbell uses the natural harvesting method.

Mr. Campbell is always trying new things with his hobby. The beauty of nut growing as a hobby is that he can plant new trees, decide what he likes and eliminate those he does not like. He likes to have a choice with his crops.

One of his few regrets is that he would have liked to have tried planting pistachio trees. These nuts and the common Brazil nuts and cashews require tropical temperatures or a greenhouse to grow; Mr. Campbell has neither.

Mr. Campbell started planting his trees 16 years ago, at the same time that he became editor of SONG News, newsletter of the Society of Ontario Nut Growers.

This group which started with 17 people has grown to a membership of 500.

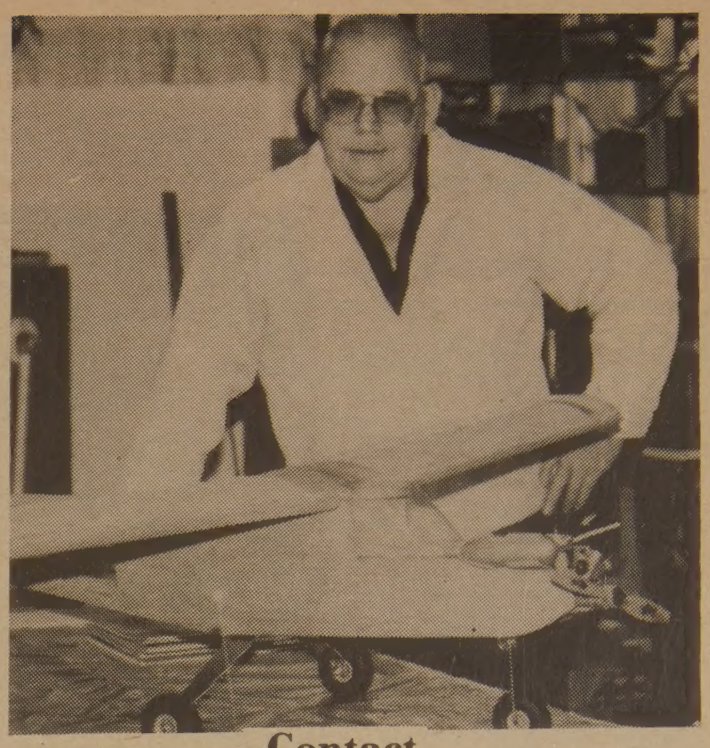
Mr. Campbell is also busy with a venture between Niagara College and the University of Guelph which involves a proposal for the commercial development of the heartnut and the pawpaw.

If this proposal is successful, Canada will have a partial to substantial monopoly on the market for several years. Mr. Campbell explains that "many things have started because of a casual interest."

Interests

Though much of Mr. Campbell's time is occupied with his job as Special Projects Officer of the Planning and Development Department at Niagara College, he still finds time to pursue his interests. Along with his nut and rare flower growing, he enjoys live theatre, symphonies and ballet.

Mr. Campbell believes that you only get out of something what you put into it. Based on this he thinks "you can make life pretty exciting if you give it a little effort."



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Spring is the time for kites and model airplanes to take to the skies. Tom Mullarky of Fort Erie has been building and flying models since 1937 when he received one as a gift from a relative. During the winter months he prepares his planes and gets ready for the soring season. Cool weather and rain forced a postponement of flight which may have started with the arrival of hot weather last week.

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Engineering students show IEEE technical reports

Printing from a computer without direct wires, an electronic bagpipe practice chanter, an automobile travel monitor and a computerized electric motor control were featured in the 12th annual IEEE Technical Report night in mid-April.

The International Electrical and Electronic Engineering Society's Student Chapter event was held in the Hamilton Room April 15. It was preceded by a dinner for about 60 people in the college cafeteria.

Stephen Jelbert, computer engineering technology student, illustrated how it is feasable to transmit information to a computer printer using household circuitry, while Sharon Summerville, electronic engineering technology student, duplicated the sound on a bagpipe with the electronic practice chanter.

Ron Sokoloski, computer engineering technology student, showed how accurately his device could monitor car travel and log it. Jean Lehoullier, electrical engineering technology-power systems student, demonstrated his microprocessor based direct current motor speed control on slides, as the model is too large to display.

In transmitting information to the printer using household circuitry, Stephen's demonstration would allow the printer to be used anywhere in the house, an advantage since space may be limited in the area of the computer. His device was created to be used with a personal computer and parallel printer.

SOUND SHARPER

Sharon's bagpipe chanter consisted of a fingering board, diode array, logic switches, analog switches and an amplifier connected to a speaker. The sound produced depends on finger placement and is a little sharper than a real practice chanter.

STEPHEN JELBERT

SHARON SUMMERVILLE

RON SOKOLSKI

Ron's car-travel monitor used a speedometer, clock and tachometer. The basic parts include sensors, an interface which is a frequency converter, a power source, and a processing unit for input and output of data. The timing circuit is used for the basic measurement of the whole system.

Jean, using slides of his project, explained the speed of the motor is held steady under load conditions through the device.

All technical advisers were thanked by the students. Special thanks were expressed to school secretaries Irma Cain and Diane Mercier.

JEAN LEHOULLIER

Dr. Tony Knowles, dean of the School of Technology, said, "I think it's well known there is a lot of work that goes into the technical reports the students do, certainly many hours. I think tonight we will see the fruits of those labors."

Engineering grads present tech reports

There used to be a saying that if you wanted a good theoretical report, hire an engineer; but if you want a good practical job done, hire a technologist.

When third year mechanical engineering technology students presented their technical reports on April 16, they demonstrated that the old saying does not tell the whole truth.

"These technical report presentations show that graduates from the mechanical technology program can do both — write top-notch reports and design and manufacture anything mechanical," Bert Mills, technical adviser of the mechanical technology program, said.

These reports are worth six credits from the last two terms of their final year, Pat Menon, English adviser of the program said.

The students had one year to complete their presentations and were required to submit a brief to Mr. Mills and Mrs. Menon for their approval.

The brief or proposal was similar to that found in industry and contained the general idea, the students' qualifications for the project, who was going to finance it, where the information was to be found and the approximate cost.

The first half of the report was handed in at the end of first term and the second half of the final year was presented April 16.

Students presenting reports were Ray Harju, Don Petkau, Darryl Mozel, David Hardy, Gord Rowe and Greg Sherk.

Darryl created an automatic broaching machine for Eastern Auto Electric to increase their productivity. The machine removes burrs on a car engine part called an armature. To do this by hand would take about five minutes while the machine takes less than one minute with greater accuracy.

Greg designed a low cost tracer lathe for use in his work shop at home. It cost a little more than $100 and is as accurate as a commercial one. The lathe makes spindles for chairs and tables.

Ray made a vibration demonstration apparatus that measures and records vibration. This was designed to be a teaching aid to show the importance of compensating for vibration in industry.

Don made an air flow measurement for internal combustion engine for his own use; David designed a clay target thrower which he got to the design stage; and Gord designed an automatic spray booth for his own use which he also got to the design stage.

Review to be done

All aspects at the college are to be studied in the next three years to see how well objectives and missions to the students, staff and community are being met, Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services said in a memo to staff.

A committee has been selected with representatives from the Board of Governors, administration, faculty and support staff. On occasion, external specialists and students will undertake the actual reviews.

Nine college areas will be reviewed during 1987: the board; advisory committees; finance payroll; one-third each of the schools of applied arts and health sciences, applied science and technology, and business; media reprographics and learning resource centres; registration, and Futures.

Six students in semis

Six Niagara College students are vying for an Ontario Championship in the Junior B. hockey division.

Playing for the Niagara Falls Canucks Jr.B. hockey club are Terry Crump, J.J. Micalef, Joe Stefan and Jerry Thorne, all general college students and Doug Chipman and Peter Gallardi, retail management program.

The Niagara Falls club has fallen behind two games to one, in the best of seven OHA Junior B. semifinal, to the Burlington Cougars. The teams were slated to meet again last Friday in Burlington, and Sunday in Niagara Falls.

Attendance at the Canucks home games has fluctuated in two games. The first game saw 2,200 people in attendance with the second game having considerably fewer.

The winner of the series will meet either London or St. Thomas for the final.

Burlington had taken a 2-0 lead in the first two games of the series by scores of 2-1 and 8-7 respectively. The third game was played last Tuesday in Niagara Falls with the Canucks coming out on the winning end of a 9-6 shootout.

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Last year was a good year for housing with no major complaints, Kathy Borisenko, housing officer, said.

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Mrs. Borisenko noted that this year a great number of students were accommodated. "Niagara College is appreciative of people opening their homes to students," she said.

When students talk with the landlord, they should ask questions and make sure they will be able to live by the house rules. They should be sure to get a receipt for any money paid. If there is a dispute between the student and the landlord, the college will not get involved.

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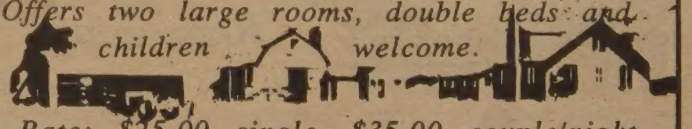

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Goulty thrilled with success of 3 women

By DIANNE HART
Staff Writer

Gordon Goulty, technology teacher, cannot adequately express his admiration for three young ladies who will graduate among the top students of a three-year technology program. And he wants the government and education systems to know YES — women can succeed in traditionally male courses and attitudes should change to accommodate.

"I can honestly say it has been a privilege to be within their orbit, and I would not even dare to use the phrase — I taught them anything," Mr. Goulty said. "I think they are a shining example to all other students and it makes the faculty realize they have a great responsibility."

Debbie Bowen, Doreen Bouman and Liz Young will successfully and proudly graduate from a three-year construction engineering technology program which Mr. Goulty deems as long, demanding and hard.

"How these girls have managed to survive and succeed is just beyond my comprehension," Mr. Goulty said. "They make me feel humble and unworthy."

But the three women themselves demurred that they were getting too much attention in being singled out from their male colleagues when all students in the program had to work equally hard.

"Although the women in the program have received a lot of publicity, I would like to say that without the help, humor and friendship of the guys in the class, these three years would not have been as much fun and as interesting," Debbie said on behalf of all three.

Tough

Construction technology is a tough program and construction is a tough industry. Mr. Goulty said he would honestly have a tough time with this program even if he had help from a wife or a mother.

"How they have managed to succeed with other encumbrances, responsibilities, and strikes against them is just amazing."

All three women held part-time jobs and had family obligations. Two had children as well.

Success

There were more than 30 enrolled in the program and certain classes had to be split in two to accommodate the number of students in the first semester. Only 12 students remain including the three women.

The three women have been offered jobs though they have not yet graduated. Two have accepted and Debbie is deciding which of three job offers she will take. Liz held a summer job last year for work experience. She not only had a job offer at that time but they thought so highly of her that she was almost persuaded not to come back to college. Liz will work in a specialized field of drafting.

LIZ YOUNG

DOREEN BOUMAN

DEBBIE BOWEN

Mr. Goulty feels women can succeed in areas that have been traditionally and historically male-oriented fields. "What these girls have done others can do too," he said.

"We have heard a lot of rhetoric about women's rights and I've seen very little action. Let's get away from this old Victorian idea that women are not as smart as men because they have proven they are smarter in many cases. We need a change of attitude in the minds of all people who run institutions like this one."

Promote

Mr. Goulty feels strongly that high schools should promote and place more emphasis on making technology programs attractive to students both male and female.

"Our program is one we are proud of," he said. "We have a wonderful record in the industry; in fact, industry now comes to us not only for graduates but students for summer work."

A company in Hamilton has no fewer than eight graduates and a company in Welland has seven.

"There isn't a municipality within the peninsula that doesn't have one of our graduates," Mr. Goulty said. "Mr. Miethig, (Hans Miethig, coordinator) has built this program. It has substance, value and produces the type of student who is in demand by a very demanding industry and associated professions."

Mr. Goulty said there has been far too much negative press about the college inside and out.

"When we see good it is seldom recognized and seldom spoken about — let alone having praise attached to it, and I feel these young ladies should have the praise they deserve."

Cutbacks in program concern students

By DIANNE HART
Staff Writer

Doreen Bouman, Debbie Bowen and Liz Young are proud of their accomplishments as they graduate from the three-year construction engineering technology program, but they are gravely concerned for the program's future because subjects and hours will be cut back in September to save money.

"This is a lot more important than any story about women graduating," they said.

"For students in the second year, it's their whole future and they have all worked hard to get where they are — man or woman. It would be an injustice for them to have the rug pulled out from under them."

"The construction engineering technology course will be cut to 24 hours a term from 26 or 27 and structure will be reduced by cutting possibly economics and accounting in just one year," Liz said. "I'm not sure about the other years. I'm afraid once they change the program and cut back hours they won't put them back. It could be the beginning of the end of this program."

Pride

Debbie said there is a lot of pride in the program and nobody wants to see this happen. The program right now has an excellent reputation in the industry and it takes a lot of years to develop that. "None of the students want the reputation to change."

"Suddenly, $300,000 has to be cut out of the technology department and some of it is coming out of our course," Debbie said. "In our course they are trying to save $5,000 a year, and I feel they are cutting the best course in the college."

"I think there are other areas of the college where money could be saved rather than cutting back on a course which has 100 per cent placement," Doreen said. "We have this placement record because we have built a good reputation in the area."

Debbie said their program is excellent and well rounded. Graduates are qualified not just for one area but for many different jobs in the construction industry. Hans Miethig, coordinator, has brought this program from a regular construction course to be "one of the best in Ontario."

Doreen had her first year at another college before transferring to Niagara. "I certainly noticed the difference. The quality of the teachers and the course is much greater here."

"In our program we do a lot of estimating, and teachers just can't mark it right or wrong," Doreen said. "They have to go through and check the format. Some of these teachers spend more time marking than we spend doing homework. For every hour we spend on homework, teachers spend an hour marking. If a student has a problem, teachers go out of their way to help the dedicated student."

All three women agreed this problem of cutbacks is not just a problem in college but in the whole industry of education. Education is one of the most important resources people need for the future, but it keeps being cut back.

Reputation

"We have to be concerned because it's our reputation as well which will be shot in five years," Liz said. "It will affect everyone in the trade when Niagara College produces graduates of poorer quality."

Debbie said if 20 more students had graduated this year, they would all have been hired.

All three women were aware of a decline in applications for technology programs which might have led to cuts in courses. They feel part of the problem stems from society's perception of technology. "If you are not smart, you go into shop classes in high school or go to a trades school," Liz said. "If you're smart they steer you to university. Counsellors should counsel people towards those courses which have good placement."

"I have three years of university and there is nothing you can do with an English or history degree; that's why I came to something like this program," Doreen said.

Encourage

All three women agreed females should get more encouragement to enter technical programs from high school counsellors and Canada Employment Centre programs.

"I would have gone into this course 12 years ago but there was no encouragement," Debbie said. "People, especially women, need to know people don't laugh at them, guys accept them, teachers think it's great and there is a job out there."

"I was not encouraged at all by counsellors to come into this course," Liz said. "It was my decision and I insisted." Doreen had the same problem.

"People think it's no place for a woman, but it is," Liz said. "Not just in construction engineering but in manufacturing and chemical engineering. The money is a lot better than in secretarial positions."

Not labor

The three agreed that many misconceptions are attached to the construction program. "Our job is not going to be a heavy job. We are going to be in an office as supervisors. We may pick up a shovel once in a while, but we are going to be supervisors, not bricklayers. Everyone sees construction as physical manual labor.

"It will be a crying shame if the college lets this program go. A lot of students in the other technology programs feel the same way, too. We are sure that is the way the teachers feel, too, but their hands are tied. We can't say a lot but we can support them and the students of the future."

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Entertainment

BUDDY RICH

Theatre Centre's finale a success

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
and LEONA LEVY
Staff Writers

The cast of the Theatre Centre's final production, Absurd Person Singular, gave a splendid opening night performance April 22.

Absurd Person Singular traces the lives of three couples over three Christmases. Darren R. Levstek was delightfully convincing in his portrayal of fidgety Sidney Hopcroft, and the remaining cast members gave realistic performances that captured the essence of relationships that grow and change.

Sets

The well-constructed sets were in harmony with each couple's social standing and lifestyles from a small, brightly lit kitchen to a spacious kitchen and sitting room.

Cast members Shae Marie Casner, Brian Hills, Kristin Van Den Neucker, Brent Rouleau and Ruth Lawrence were appropriately costumed to portray drinking, carousing, and struggling individuals from Mrs. Brewster-Wright's diamond ring down to Mrs. Hopcroft's pink slippers.

Tradition

The traditional Christmas get togethers were met with unusual circumstances, and sometimes chaos, and the couples' personal lives seemed to turn full circle amidst financial change.

The production, directed by program co-ordinator Valerie Grabove, was presented at the centre's Empire Street campus.

The show continues today and tomorrow with performances 1 p.m, and 8 p.m. Ticket prices are: adults $4.50, students and seniors $3.50, and $3.50 for matinees.

Cancels dance

Poor response is blamed for cancellation of the Graduation Dance which was to be held April 24.

As of Monday, April 20, at 4 p.m. only 22 deposits had been made for tickets.

"It's too bad really," Donna Flutur, Student Administrative Council Officer said.

Fastest hands in world

Drummer Rich dies in L.A.

By PATRICIA GLEADALL
Staff Writer

Legendary Buddy Rich, billed as "the fastest hands in the world," died Thursday, April 2, 1987, at the UCLA Medical Centre. The hospital said he died at 2:27 p.m. of unexpected respiratory and cardiac failure. The exact cause of death was not immediately known.

Mr. Rich, 69, had undergone surgery on March 16 for a brain tumor, at first thought inoperable, and had been undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Paul Werth, a personal spokesman for Mr. Rich, said reports that the tumor was inoperable were incorrect.

Born in Brooklyn in 1917 to a vaudeville team known as Wilson and Rich, Mr. Rich made his debut as a drummer when he was 18 months old. Two years later he appeared on Broadway and toured Austrailia for 18 months when six. At 15 he was earning $1,000 a week, making him second only to Jackie Coogan as the highest paid child performer in the U.S.

He was gregarious and cocky and played with the best of the big bands: Joe Marsala, Bunny Berigan, Benny Carter, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Harry James.

In 1942, despite being deferred by his local draft board, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a judo instructor and rifleman. He did not serve overseas.

George Albanese, music critic and free lance writer in St. Catharines, recalls the first time he saw Buddy Rich.

In August, 1940, Mr. Albanese attended six performances at the exhibition ground in Toronto where Mr. Rich was playing with Tommy Dorsey. Mr. Albanese stayed close to the band stand and on the last night asked Mr. Rich if he could have a pair of sticks when he was through with them.

"Sure, kid," Mr. Rich said and when the next session was over, tossed the sticks down to him. Mr. Albanese caught one of them and the other fell to the ground where another man, "a lot bigger than me," picked it up with the intention of keeping it.

When Mr. Rich saw what had happened, he jumped down off the stage and retrieved the stick for the teenaged Mr. Albanese.

"I'd say he was a man of his word and believed in fair play," Mr. Albanese said.

Rumors

He said the rumor that night was Mr. Rich and Frank Sinatra, on the same bill, were quarrelling but that must have passed, because just after that "Sinatra bankrolled Buddy for his first band."

Jack Dawson, host of CKTB's Sweet Swing 'n' Jazz, remembers the same concert. He attended only one performance. As Sinatra sang, a girl in front of him fainted from what he though was the heat. Later, when in Africa during the Second World War, he heard girls were swooning over Sinatra, and told his buddies it was true because he had seen it happen.

Mr. Rich toured extensively with Jazz at the Philhamonic, then joined Harry James, earning $2,500 a week, the highest salary paid to a sideman at that time.

He became a favorite on the college concert circuit when he formed his own band in the 60s.

Mr. Rich suffered a heart attack in 1959. He underwent bypass surgery in 1983 after apparently suffering another attack.

His wife, Marie, and daughter, Kathy, were with him when he died, family spokesman, Jackie Green said.

Johnny Carson, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme, Jerry Lewis, Artie Shaw and Peter Falk delivered the eulogy before a group of about 200 at Westwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Rich's famous drum set sat idle in front of his casket as a trio of musicians played softly in one corner.

Johnny Carson faced the casket and said, " So, dear friend, thanks for the memories and the music and thanks for making our lives more complete by letting us be a part of yours."

Those attending included many entertainment notables such as Mel Brooks, Angie Dickenson, Milton Berle and Henry Mancini.

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Jazz critic praises Rich's performances

Whitney Balliett, jazz critic of the New York Times magazine, devoted a full chapter to Mr. Rich under the title Super Drummer in a recent book American Musicians — 56 Portraits in Jazz.

Here is what Balliett said back in 1965 reporting on a concert in Moterey, Calif.: " The explosion went off Sunday evening when Harry James' big band played the Two O'clock Jump. Buddy Rich was on drums and his accompanying was the finest I ever heard from a big-band drummer. He punctuated breaks with such pinpointed verve that the musicians were nearly lifted out of their seats, and then he took a breathtaking solo. It had the dynamics (a powerful snare-drum roll that sank to a whisper and ended with rapid, clocklike ticking on the snare rims), unbelievable speed (a three-drum section, involving two different rhythms, that was watched with glassy-eyed fascination by the drummers who happed to be in the wings), and a whirling inventiveness. It was a mad, magnificent performance."

As John Nelson, host of FM 108s Jazz in the Morning, in Burlington, put it, "Buddy Rich left a rich legacy."

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Ah, Spring

The balmy breezes of early last week drove temperatures up in the Simcoe Building last week and students sweated out in classes until some said, "No more." Instructor Bruce Tallon took his class out from the heat into the more pleasant atmosphere of the grass and trees. Then the crunch came later in the week as rain advanced through the area, followed by dropping temperatures. The cool air will remain for most of this week.

Niagara artists enter art show '87

The Hennepin Gallery has presented the work of Niagara's budding artists in the Fine Arts Option '87 exhibit this month.

The exhibit, which closed Saturday, gave a broad representation of life drawings, oil paintings, hand lettering, and media areas of instruction.

All the work displayed was selected from the students' class work and was only the tip of the iceberg, instructor Marci Ditor said.

She said the exhibit was a good sampling of the life drawings which are the core course of the fine arts program. Live models are used in life drawings which can take as little as 10 seconds to one hour to complete. Live models are considered to be the most difficult to reproduce, Ms. Ditor said.

The students are encouraged to use different media or materials such as pencil or pencil combined with pastels, silk screen paints, conte and charcoal.

Lettering

Hand lettering teaches the student to reproduce five type styles of lettering by hand and apply the skill to a commercial product. A very professional and realistic looking beer package on display was the end result of one student's original design.

In the media area, students design their own Christmas cards, personal logos, and book jackets among other things, learning the design and layout aspects and technical processes of media.

The hand lettering and media projects are silk screened and laminated in some cases; these impressive designs stood out amongst the drawings because of the bright silk screen paints.

Silk screen

Ms. Ditor said a limited number of design projects were on display because of limited silk screen facilities. But with all the work on display and in class, only the highest quality was acceptable.

Unfortunately, this will be the last exhibit displaying fine arts students' works. Instructor Ken Cosgrove cites a continued lack of resposnse and not enough publicity as reasons for discontinuing the annual exhibit. Ms. Ditor said it takes a tremendous amount of time to organize the exhibit and a poor response is discouraging for the students.

Humor helps in security job

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Working for the Ontario Government Protective Services can be both an interesting and boring experience, 19-year-old Elaine Taylor, a first-year law and security student, has found.

"If you don't go in it (the job) with a sense of humor, you'll be bored," she said. "Some of the students get bored with it and just quit."

Many of her duties were very ordinary and not what many would expect. The first two years of her three summers working for the Protective Services were spent in Hamilton, where she is from.

Her first year included duties such as tagging evidence, matching found articles to reports of their loss and helping out at auctions in which stolen bicycles are sold because their owners could not be located.

The second time around, Elaine's duties expanded to include police court branch courier tasks, office and secretary work, and doing community service work. Her community service work included going around to schools with officers doing the Elmer the Safety Elephant presentation.

When offered a job in Toronto last summer, she jumped at the chance. There she held a job as a special constable. This is the same as a regular officer except she was unarmed and did mainly security checks and public relations duties.

Elaine likes the fact that she is "always doing something different" in her job. She even assisted in one arrest while in Toronto. She and her partner were walking down the street when they saw a man acting strangely and causing a disturbance. She took statements from the people he was bothering and she and her partner then arrested him.

While in Toronto, she sometimes worked in the forensic lab doing reports for them. "You really need a sense of humor to work there so that it won't bother you."

"I've always been interested in law," she said. Elaine hopes to work some day in the law enforcement field, but not necessarily as a police officer.

Outside of school, Elaine is involved with St. John Ambulance and karate courses.

The job experience is good in itself, but it may also lead to permanent job opportunities. Elaine was offered a job to work in property security the first summer she worked and would have liked to stay on in Toronto last year. She chose, however, to come to Welland and complete her education. Many who go into the working force never return to school and she didn't want that to happen to her.

Hard work

In the second week of May, Elaine will hear from the Protective Services agency, and she hopes they will say they found a job for her again this summer.

Her experience already obtained through working the previous two years should help and may even allow her to get a better position, possibly with the courts which Elaine thinks she would find interesting.

If she is not accepted, Elaine has already been accepted by Marineland to work as a security guard and by a hospital in Hamilton to do the same. She is also writing her customs exam in hopes of job opportunities there as well.

Eugene Maltais, political science teacher, feels that "a position in the security force at Queen's Park should be investigated by any graduating law and security student. The work is important, stimulating, and well paying. I think our students are well qualified to handle such positions."

Mr. Maltais also mentioned that when he called to find out about the program and talked to Elaine's supervisor, he remembered her right away out of the 200 students he came in contact with. "I think it is very commendable that he would remember her out of all those people," he said.

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SPORTS

Knights' hockey — a year in review

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

Although a championship was lost, coach Fred Bassi is happy and satisfied with the performance of the Niagara College hockey team during the 1986/87 season.

"It was certainly not a wasted season, but the final game was a disappointment," Mr. Bassi said. "Overall it was an enjoyable season."

Mr. Bassi was surprised when the team lost the first three games of the season but refused to believe that his team was as bad as the record indicated.

"We seemed to be missing something and we had a poor attitude," he said. "Every man was playing for himself and the team wasn't coming together as a unit."

The team continued its slide, and by Christmas had accumulated a 1 and 6 record, but Mr. Bassi refused to believe it would last. With the acquisition of a goalie and five new players, the second half of the season did look promising.

NEW ATTITUDE

The missing ingredient of leadership was found and their performance improved greatly throughout the second half of the season. "After winning their first two games after Christmas, the boys became a little cocky but then came back to reality," Mr. Bassi said. A new attitude had become apparent to Mr. Bassi and the team began to gel.

With two games remaining in their schedule, the Knights were still four points out of a playoff spot and needed victories in both games to enter post-season play. The boys rose to the occasion, won both games, and earned a playoff spot.

Mr. Bassi was not surprised by his team's success and was confident about their chances against Penn State, their playoff opponent. "Many people regarded us as the underdog, but I really wasn't worried about them. They (Penn State) have always regarded Niagara College as a competitive hockey team and I think they were more worried about us."

The team defeated Penn State in the semi-final, but lost a heartbreaker in the final against St. Bonaventure which left an air of disappointment surrounding the team and its followers.

BLAMES CONDITIONING

Mr. Bassi said the loss could be attributed to the team's conditioning and agreed that the American hockey programs play and practise more.

"Welland just doesn't have available ice time at good times, so we have to work with what we have," he said. Next year Mr. Bassi is instituting an off-ice fitness program to keep his players in good physical condition.

"Hopefully this will compensate for our lack of ice time," Mr. Bassi said. He will also be able to keep a tabulation of player progress with this program. "If a player is struggling on the ice during games, I will be able to check my chart to see if he is attending the off-ice program on a regular basis."

Mr. Bassi predicted it would be an interesting year next year if Conestoga College, which is applying for acceptance into the league, gets accepted, for this would lead to a rivalry between the two Ontario hockey teams. State University New York, in Binghamton, is also applying for acceptance in the league.

As for next year's Niagara Knights hockey club, Mr. Bassi is anxious to get started with next season and wants the team to start off on the right foot.

"Next year I want to set our goals a little more constructively," he said. "We have a good nucleus for next year's club so, hopefully, the team will gel easier and quicker."

It was an enjoyable season overall for the Niagara Hockey Knights, Coach Fred Bassi says in this review of the season. He said he looks forward to next season. In this file shot, the Knights blast in on the Penn State nets in one of the games they played during the past season.

Instructor wins trip

Sandra Stewart, an instructor for the dental hygiene and dental assistant programs, has won a trip to Tobago.

Mrs. Stewart and her husband were at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto to see the Under Water Canada Dive Show on April 4. She filled out a form for a chance at the trip. Three days later she received a phone call from Toronto saying she had won.

"At first when I answered the phone I thought it was someone trying to sell something," Mrs. Stewart said. "I have never won anything; it was a surprise, to say the least."

Mrs. Stewart is excited about the trip. She and her husband have not yet set a date. The round trip airfare must be used by December.

MISETTE CRITELLI

Athletic instructor resigns

Misette Critelli of women's athletics has resigned after four years at Niagara to pursue further goals.

The coach of the women's basketball team said she is seeking out an experience in retail. "I've always had the idea in the back of my mind, and the opportunity has arrived."

While at the college, Miss Critelli coached the women's basketball team, taught physical education classes, ran intramurals and had occasional Ontario College Athletic Association duties.

The decision was not easy for Miss Critelli, but well thought out. "The decision was tough to make and I'm sorry to let basketball go." She said she is going to miss the interaction with the students as well as missing her colleagues.

Before her departure, Miss Critelli said "I would like to wish the students and future athletes good luck."

College bids farewell to champs

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talk with them rather than to them."

Surprisingly enough, Tom and Mark have had only one major conflict as a team in eight years. Tom said, "When one of us is playing poorly, it doesn't do any good to get mad. We realize that we are trying our best." Mark said, "When we're playing badly, we know it will eventually come, we know we are better than we are playing."

Coach Carpenter said this mature attitude came over time. "Over their eight years they have blended together as a team." Mark honestly feels he and Tom could play "with our eyes closed and know exactly where each other is on the court."

Credit

Dave, coach of the badminton team for the past nine years, feels Tom and Mark do not receive enough credit for what they have accomplished — by the college or otherwise. He feels that badminton should be considered a major sport at Niagara because they play more games than both the men and women's basketball teams combined.

Tom and Mark received a special award at this year's Athletic Banquet. The Award of Excellence, above even the athlete of the year awards, is given to someone who has accomplished something in athletics that deserves more than special recognition. Mark said, "That award means more to me than any other award I have ever won." Tom and Mark are the only two ever to have won it.

They have accepted their success well. As players, "they have gained the respect of other teams," Dave said. "They never belittle anyone." They are humble and take their accomplishments in stride. When they are really beating a weaker opponent, they don't rub it in, they help out the weaker players.

"They help them out not in a cocky way, but in a modest way," he said. Mark said they can beat and opponent 15-0, 15-1, and still go out for a drink with them afterwards. They earned that kind of respect from their ability combined with their humility.

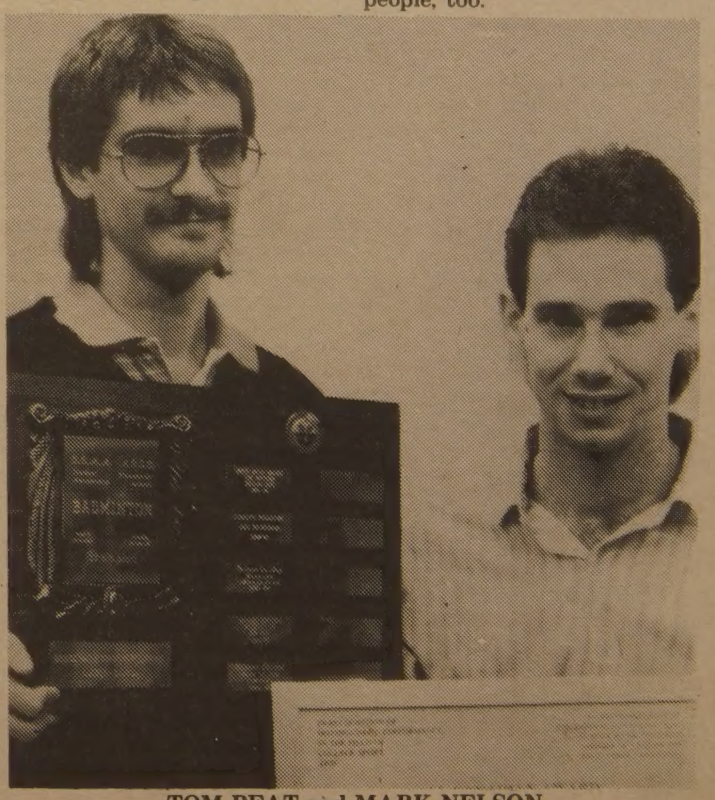
Dave said Tom and Mark have not reached their full potential. He feels they have the potential to play internationally. "They probably won't reach their full potential until they are 27 or 28.

"To be competitive internationally, they need the coach, and to put on a couple of pounds. The put-away part of their game has to improve. They have what it takes; they just have to work hard."

Tom and Mark are playing in the OBA circuit out of the Niagara Falls Badminton Club. They are sponsored by the Black Knight Racquet Club in Montreal. Tom said he does not know if they will play internationally. "It will depend on what type of job I get. I have a career to think about." Tom, a third-year computer electronic engineering technology student, is working at Calhouns, a shirt company in St. Catharines. He hopes to get a job in computers next year.

Mark is teaching private lessons at the Niagara Falls Badminton club, with his third year in data processing. "If I don't get a job in the data processing field, I'll go to university, which is probably what will happen." Mark said no matter where he is, he will be playing badminton next year.

So Tom Peat and Mark Nelson, Niagara College wishes you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors and thanks you greatly for doing a super job in representing the college. Tom Peat and Mark Nelson are indeed athletes, but they are fine people, too.



TOM PEAT and MARK NELSON

And the winners are...

The winners of the Versa Food Services bicycle draw are Tracy Binkle of the ambulance and emergency care program and Pete Dewer, second-year financial management student. The tickets were drawn on April 9 by Hugo Bessems, a student liason officer.The prizes were two Raleigh Matterhorn Mountain Bikes.

Construction plans vital to avoid errors

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

Pre-planning and co-ordination between contractors and subcontractors are vital in the construction of new houses, Vern Nelligan and Graham Adams of the Ontario New Home Warranty program told a seminar at the College April 8.

"Pre-planning can avoid a lot of building problems," Mr. Nelligan said. He emphasized the need for co-ordination in advance between contractors and subcontractors.

Students of the construction and engineering technology program were a receptive audience at the day-long seminar

Audiences at these semimars are usually made up of builders, building officials and tradesmen. This was the first time this seminar was presented at a community college.

"We have attempted to wet your appetites for knowledge," Mr. Adams said. This audience deserved an A plus for attentiveness and receptiveness.

The warranty program is a non-profit corporation funded by the construction industry and supported by the Ontario Govenment.

BY REQUEST

The seminar was presented free at the request of Jean St. Pierre, president of the construction and engineering technology student club.

"The student club will try to provide this kind of seminar in the future; it's important to integrate this kid of information with school work," he said.

The program's function is to deal with complaints from home owners concerning builders. "The biggest complaint we have is cracked foundations and cracked drywall," Mr. Adams said.

On Jan. 1, 1977, the Ontario government passed the Ontario New Home Owners Warranty Plan Act. Under this act builders must register each new home with the warranty program and pay $2 per $1,000 of the estimated selling price to them.

PAID $22 MILLION

There are 400,000 homes in Ontario registered with the program; it has paid out $22 million to home owners since it inception, Mr. Adams said.

"Our aim is to catch the attention of builders and to stress building code requirements."

The seminar included slides of defective housing to stress what goes on in the field. "We have to show pictures of faulty construction, if we told you about it you wouldn't believe it," Mr. Adams said.

The demonstration brought laughter from many.

"I'm glad you're laughing but these things happen every day in the field," Mr. Nelligan said to the amused audience. "Tradesmen are concerned with their job, they don't think about the structure of the building."

The program has six offices and 86 staff in Ontario.

Coverage for a new home is $20,000 but it will soon be increased to $50,000 and foundation warranties will be increased from one to two years.

The program has produced a Construction Practice Manual which it sells for $15. Five copies of the manual were donated to the college library along with a video tape dealing with foundations.

"We try to focus attention on areas that need reviewing," Mr. Adams said. "Everything we discuss we have seen need for in the industry."

Hans Miethig, program co-ordinator, thanked the speakers for coming to the college and the student club presented them with gifts and college ball caps.

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Congrats, Brian

Brian Green, English teacher, has been presented with a leather-bound copy of The Bare Essentials which has sold 100,000 copies. He is co-author of the English grammar text book published in 1980.

The presentation was made by the publishers, Holt, Rinehart and Winston of Canada Ltd., during their annual sale conference in Toronto, April 30.

Mr. Green wrote the book with Sarah Norton, now a dean at Centennial College. He said these sales were unique for books of this type. According to the publishers, they sell reasonably well at first, then decrease the second and third years, after which they "tail off." After the third year, the publishers normally bring out another edition. This "puffs" the sales up again briefly and then they expire, he said.

The Bare Essentials has not behaved like that at all. It has increased every year since its release and it "just keeps going up."

"I think it is a good book and it has a couple of things going for it," Mr. Green said. "One is the humor in it. One is that it has Canadian content."

Six films highlight filmfest

Six 15-minute films shown at the Filmfest last Tuesday were the work of Niagara College film students.

One, a documentary, Long Point — a Diamond in the Rough, was sold to the CBC and was aired in July 1986. The film placed second in the CBC telefest two years ago. Showcase features student films from across Canada and takes place in Toronto the first week of May.

Through the Turnstile, placed third last year. These films are also entered in Ontario Cinegrad, a showcase and forum for student films in Toronto in June.

Elias Petras, film instructor at Niagara College and on the executive of Cinegrad, is the executive producer of all the films. The film work itself is gruelling. Often the students work 12-15 hours a day. Mr. Petras said this introduces the student to the real world of film because on a film shoot, they may work six to eight weeks, 12 hours a day. "The film-making is the classroom; the classroom goes on location."

A drama takes about five months to complete.

More $

An announced increase in French Language Education funding is welcomed by Claire Moccio, administrator of French Language Services.

"In central-southwestern Ontio, we are the official French language college," she said. "The government has promised us special treatment."

More adults are taking French courses now and more parents are including French in their children's education. It is easier to get a job if you are bilingual, she said.

Gregory Sorbara, colleges and universities minister, said the ministry will increase funding for French language programs in colleges and universities throughout Ontario by $3 million. Allocated to extra-formula college grants is $1.4 million.

This will enable Franco-Ontarians to study programs in their native tongue.

"It is hard to get a French-speaking doctor in southern Ontario. This will create new jobs," Mrs. Moccio said.

Mrs. Moccio does not know how much money will come to the college. A meeting involving government and college committees is to take place some time near the end of April to establish more definite information, Mrs. Moccio said.

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